Supply of Adequate and Hygienic Water in Delhi

524. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that supply of drinking water in Delhi is unhygienic and inadequate ; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to supply adequate and hygeinic water ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. About 82% of population of Delhi has been covered with potable water supply and the balance population has local arrangements like handpumps etc. The per capita supply of water is about 53 gallons per day which is quite adequate at present.

No unhygienic water is being supplied in any part of Delhi. However complaints of dirty water are received sometimes from the Distribution system which are investigated and attended to.

Maintenance of steel plants

525. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor maintenance of steel plants in public sector results in cost escalation and loss of production ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to improve the maintenance of public sector steel plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) (a) It is a fact that inadequate manitenance of steel plants can lead to loss of production and consequently to higher cost of production.

(b) to get over various factors including past neglet in maintenance, schemes for techonological upgradation and modernisation have been formulated for Rourkela, Durgapur and TISCO.

Normal maintenance funds for all steel plants were substantially increased in the VII Plan.

The following steps are being taken in SAIL to improve the status of maintenance :—

Planned preventive maintenance and annual overhauls, investigation of failures and formulation/implementation of remidial measures, apart from pre-planning and procurement of required spare parts.

New direction towards substantial improvement in maintenance adopting modern maintenance techniques is now slated for implementation in the SAIL plants. This includes condition based maintenance and repairs by use of sophisticated instruments, phased modifications and techonological improvement during annual overhauls and capital repairs tribology and value engineering analysis of equipment components.

Introduction of an integrated computer based maintenance system to facilities data logging and analysis for quicker decisions on maintenance and repairs is in progress in one of the SAIL plants with UNDP assistance Experience gained at one plant will be made use of in other plants.